



Crop Progress and Condition

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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 2.8. Weather conditions were very wet, limiting fieldwork; fields have standing water. Farming activities for the week included harvesting tobacco, fruit, and potatoes.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 08/05/18

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	3	68	29
Subsoil	-	8	79	13

- Represents zero.

CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 08/05/18

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	5	30	65	-
Grapes	-	5	35	60	-
Peaches	-	2	24	52	22
Corn	1	6	21	67	5
Cotton	1	2	6	89	2
Hay, Alfalfa	-	6	39	52	3
Hay, Other	1	9	36	52	2
Peanuts	1	2	4	90	3
Soybeans	1	4	17	72	6
Tobacco, Burley	-	10	30	58	2
Tobacco, Fire-cured	-	5	60	30	5
Tobacco, Flue-cured	-	1	21	66	12
Pasture	1	9	40	42	8
Livestock	1	2	24	65	8

-Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 08/05/18

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	27	21	29	-
Peaches harvested	50	39	56	52
Corn silking	90	84	95	91
Corn dough	73	60	69	61
Corn dented	37	27	37	29
Corn mature	1	-	-	-
Corn for silage harvested	1	-	-	-
Cotton squaring	98	90	98	97
Cotton setting bolls	60	45	74	66
Peanuts pegging	88	73	89	84

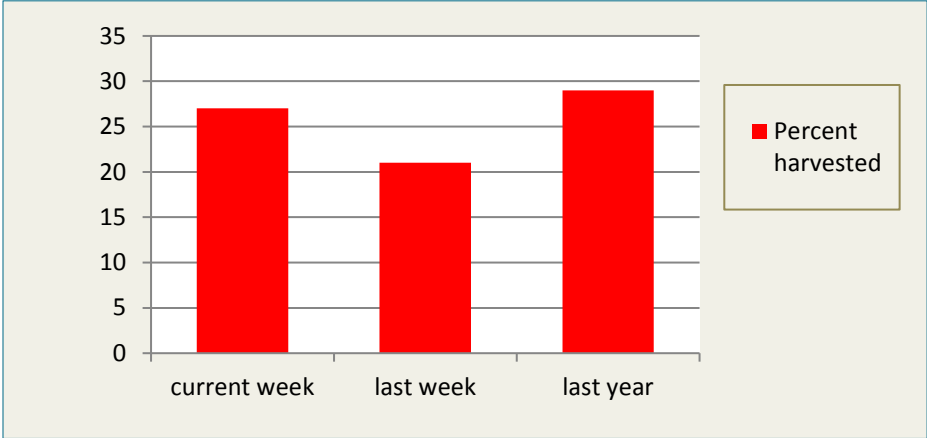
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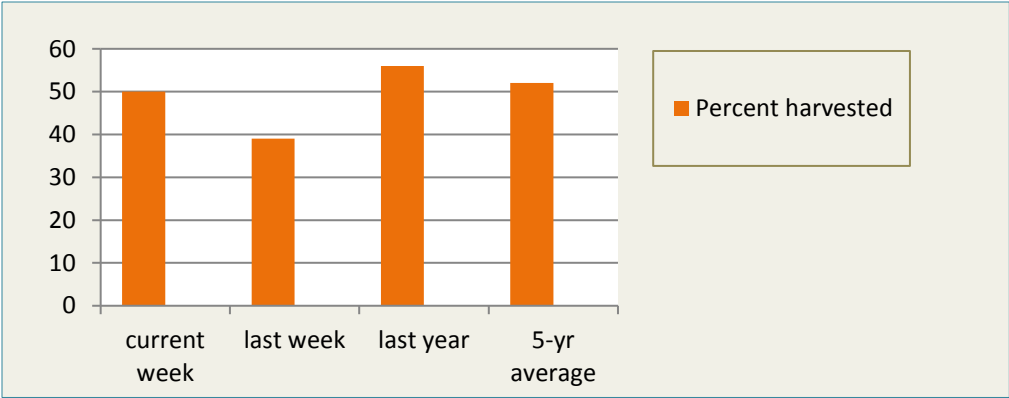
Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Potatoes, Summer harvested	85	77	84	84
Soybeans blooming	52	40	54	51
Soybeans setting pods	32	24	31	24
Tobacco, Flue-cured harvested	16	11	21	15

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APPLES HARVESTED for week ending 08/05/18



PEACHES HARVESTED for week ending 08/05/18



Weather Summary- For the week ending August 05, 2018

City	Temperature						Growing degree days (modified base 50)		Precipitation				
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal *	Mar. 1 to Aug. 4	Mar. 1 to Aug. 4 norm	Last Week	Since June 1	June 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	83	68	87	67	76	1	2604	2354	3.38	12.65	3.99	37.50	10.72
Norfolk	87	76	91	75	82	3	2937	2584	2.86	14.69	5.09	34.91	6.76
Richmond	85	72	89	69	79	1	2824	2560	1.17	19.12	10.31	41.23	14.63
Roanoke	83	68	89	65	75	-1	2692	NA	1.52	9.20	1.06	33.43	7.32
Wash/Dulles	83	69	88	65	76	0	2441	NA	2.93	16.83	8.74	37.89	12.97

* Normal based on 1971-2000 data. NA-Not available. Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>. Source: USDA, NASS, Virginia Field Office.

REPORTER COMMENTS BY COUNTY – Comments are based on remarks made by extension agents, farmers, commodity specialists, and other knowledgeable individuals.

NORTHERN

ROCKINGHAM (Doug Horn)

Most areas of the county received 3 to 4 inches of rain last week. Wet conditions prevented any field work. There is standing water in low lying fields. Fairly heavy disease pressure in the older corn.

LOUDOUN (Jim Hilleary)

Soil is saturated, too wet for effective fieldwork.

WESTERN

ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas Stanley)

Conditions in Rockbridge were cloudy with rain threatening all week and spotty showers until Friday night when most of the county got over an inch of rain. Crop conditions are generally fair to good at this point in the season.

BATH/HIGHLAND (John Benner)

Heavy rains push pasture productivity. Corn progress excellent.

CENTRAL

AMELIA (Laura Siegle)

We are experiencing a rainy week.

CHESTERFIELD/GOOCHLAND (Charlotte Maxwell)

Corn and soybean production is still far behind where it normally is for August. Expecting a hay shortage as well.

EASTERN

CHARLES CITY (Scott Reiter)

Several more inches of rain this week have made fields excessively wet. Soybeans are drowning in low areas as evidenced by wilting after standing in water for 3-4 days. All fieldwork is at a standstill. Many late planted soybeans need an herbicide treatment for weeds.

SOUTHWESTERN

CARROLL (Steve Pottorff)

An abundance of rain fell on the county last week.

SCOTT (Scott Jerrell)

Alternating wet conditions and hot/dry conditions continue to put a stress on pastures.

SOUTHEASTERN

GREENSVILLE (Sara Rutherford)

Tobacco harvesting is picking up speed this week. Rain has been localized and not widespread, for the most part.

PRINCE GEORGE/SURRY/SUSSEX (Scott Reiter)

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